Production of handloom goods in A.P.

752. SHRIMATIVANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) die measures taken by Government for quality production of handloom goods in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of the measures taken by Government to uplift the artisans engaged in the sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government of India has been implementing a number of schemes for the over all development of handloom sector and the welfare of handloom weavers throughout the country including the State of Andhra Pradesh during IX Plan which include:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana
2. Mill Gate Price Scheme
3. Setting up of marketing Complexes
4. Publicity and Exhibition Scheme
5. Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing
6. Project Package Scheme
7. Handloom Development Centres/Quality Dyeing Centres
8. Market Development Assistance Scheme
9. Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme
10. Health Package Scheme
11. Group Insurance Scheme
12. Thrift Fund Scheme
13. Setting up of Enforcement Machinery
14. National Central for Textile Design.